

Yorktown Fourth of July Celebration Committee
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The Fourth of July Celebration Committee is proud to announce the 26th Annual July 4th Parade!

As we reflect back on 2004, it was certainly an interesting year. As you remember, due to the construction on the new Riverwalk Landing Project on Water Street and the necessity of allowing emergency access to the village, we formed the parade in the Courthouse parking lot and altered the parade route. Well, you'll be glad to know that we've been given the green light to move the formation of the parade back to the battlefield area near Five Points. What a relief! It will be nice to get back to straight lines and plenty of space. Thanks to everyone who participated last year for their patience and understanding.

Though some things will be back to normal, other changes are in store. The opening of Riverwalk Landing and other advancements in Yorktown, offer new opportunities for expanding and improving the July 4th celebration. For example, construction of the new headquarters building for the Fifes and Drums of York Town will begin in the near future. As a result, the Arts and Crafts Fair, that is normally located between Ballard and Church Streets, will be moving to the Chiskiack Green at the corner of Ballard and Water Streets. This year, we will launch our annual fireworks display from a barge on the river, freeing up the Water Street Picnic Area, which will host and allow expansion of the Classic Car Show. And finally, for some time, we have envisioned reversing the parade route and placing the reviewing stand at the beginning of the parade rather than the end. The opening of Riverwalk Landing and the desire to expand the festivities to incorporate this new area has created an opportunity to fulfill that vision. So, this year, the parade will form on the battlefield at Five Points, proceed up Zweybrucken Road, turn and proceed down Main Street, turn right on Ballard, go down the hill to Water Street where it will turn left and proceed toward the Yorktown Victory Center (see map on reverse). (For the military marching units, this will restore the traditional "Eyes Right" command, which is more historically correct and militarily proper.)

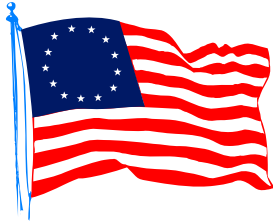
We're really excited about all the new changes and we envision that they will enhance and improve the overall celebration. As always, we will continue to focus on our long-standing theme, "A Family Affair," and assure you of our commitment to the community to provide a high-quality, clean, safe, wholesome, family-oriented, daylong event celebrating the independence of this great nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate with us in this year's celebration and make the 26th annual parade better than ever. For those who wish to participate, please complete the enclosed parade participant form in total. Specifically, include a succinct narrative for the parade announcer. For multiple units, when possible, please list each separate unit as they will appear in order in the parade and include a description in the narrative. This will be a big help! Please return the form to the address indicated above as soon as possible. Note: Parade participation may, by necessity, be limited in size. Last minute applications, pending parade size, may be denied. Special Note: All drill team participants need to contact the Parade Coordinator, personally by phone, to coordinate any desired performance during the parade.

Finally, I would like to offer you the opportunity to also be a financial supporter of this year's celebration. Enclosed is a form by which you may, if you wish, purchase an ad in our program book or make a donation to support the event. Should you desire to purchase an ad, all ads must be returned by May 1st. Whatever you decide, this will in no way affect your participation in the Parade.

If I can be of further assistance or should you have additional questions, please contact me at 757-766-2309 or call our Parade Coordinator, Dale Howell, at 757-867-9542.

Sincerely,
Dave Meredith, Chairman



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PARADE INFORMATION SHEET

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF OR YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Work Phone _____ Email Address: _____

Our unit(s) will be in the following categories (select all that apply):

_____ Band (circle one)
Military / College / High / Middle School

_____ Other Band (specify)

_____ Fife and Drum and/or Bugle Corp

_____ Color Guard

_____ Marching / Walking Unit

_____ Drill Team

_____ Equestrian Unit

_____ Vehicle / Motorcycle Unit

_____ Baton Twirling Unit
with / without music (circle one)

_____ Float (description)

_____ Beauty Queen / Celebrity

Name _____

Organization _____

Number of people in unit _____ Number of buses required for transportation _____

Number of horses / vehicles / etc. in unit (be specific) _____

Desired comments to be made by Parade Announcer as your unit passes the reviewing stand:

(continue on reverse)